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## Student associations prepare for battle

by Brendan Weston

Competing student federations are priming their lobbies in light of new indications the provincial government will renege on its promise to keep tuition fees frozen.

ANEQ (Association nationale des étudiant(e)s de Québec) will be holding a conference at l'université du Québec à Montréal this weekend, while RAEU (Regroupement des étudiant(e)s

universitaires), held theirs at McGill's MacDonald campus Centennial Centre last weekend. The foremost topic concerns strategies against possible hikes in university tuition.

Last Wednesday, Minister of Finance Gérard Lévesque called for increased tuition and user fees for social services to help reduce the deficit. Premier Bourassa has refused to distance himself from these recommendations. Late last semester, a government-

sponsored commission of university administrators recommended a doubling of tuition fees.

"We absolutely have to pressure the government now to not implement this (when the budget comes out) in two months," said Claude Dionne, General Secretary of ANEQ. "It makes Bourassa's promise a joke."

Education Minister Claude Ryan's press attaché Luc Rhéum denied retreat from the election promise of a four year

tuition freeze. But he would not ensure the government position of a tuition freeze for four years. "That I can't guarantee you," he said.

"If recommendations say a hike is necessary, then there will be a big debate," said Rhéum. He did, however, indicate a fee hike would not occur in the next budget.

RAEU fell solidly behind ANEQ's defence of a tuition freeze at last weekend's conference, but spent most of their time on a plan to abolish tenure.

They also decided to support a government promise to equalize welfare payments between youth and those over 30.

RAEU wants professors to be contracted for seven years, with renewals largely based upon student evaluations. MSS VP Internal Luc Joli-Coeur, one of twenty-five McGill observers at the conference, repeated RAEU's claim that, "If the ten per cent of the teachers who do badly on teaching and research were replaced with younger professors, a tuition increase would not be necessary."

However, Joli-Coeur admitted that, if implemented, such a proposal would require eight to ten years to have an effect.

"If we had a perfect loan and bursary system, good administration, staff review and student input in financial decision-making, then a tuition fee increase might be warranted," said Joli-Coeur. "Students should have a say."

Claude Dionne of ANEQ rejected the government's argument that students should be happy because they pay less than students in Ontario. "We think there should be no question of raising tuition fees. Ontario pays too much. We're behind in registration in Québec. They shouldn't punish students for the deficit," he said.

ANEQ is affiliated with Regroupement Autonome des Jeunes (RAJ), which has decried user fees for social services and has been demonstrating for welfare parity for years. "Social services should be free," said RAJ spokesperson Jean Lalande.

"Some people argue that it would be ideal to have free tuition and bursaries, but I don't think that's realistic in a North American setting," said Joli-Coeur. "It costs a lot of money and I don't think the population would go for it. The situation has changed (since the Parti Québécois was elected on a platform of free tuition in 1976)," he said.

"Many people have said RAEU can't mobilize students and they're too close to the government, but they got 200 people at their last conference," said Joli-Coeur. "Here, (at McGill) we don't have any mobilization power."

He plans to attend the ANEQ conference this weekend but "probably not for the whole weekend."

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## A marriage of convenience

by Catherine Bainbridge  
of Canadian University Press

Montréal students are being invited to tie the knot in a mass marriage on March 14, to protest the provincial loan and bursary system's eligibility criteria.

The protest will be held at Concordia University's Loyola campus at 13h00 this Friday.

The mock marriage licenses read: "These persons were joined in monetary matrimony for the purpose of obtaining Québec student aid witnessed by many other students joined together for the same reason."

The engagement documents read: "We understand that should either of us get cold feet, neither of us will get cold cash."

The symbolic marriage ceremony at Concordia's Loyola campus auditorium is intended to show that some

students resort to marriage in order to qualify for provincial student aid because they are not considered to be 'independent' from their parents as singles.

"The 'independence' criteria have absolutely nothing to do with age, whether you live at home, or not, whether your parents will actually pay for your education," said Pete Wheeland, Concordia student association vice-president and organiser of the event.

The only way to be considered independent in Québec is to be married, divorced, have a child, have finished 90 credits or have worked for two years without going to school full-time.

Independent status brings in a possible \$2,000 extra a year. The maximum amount a dependent student can receive is \$4,000 in loans and bursaries.

"It's really, really dangerous

for people to get married this way," he said. "Most students don't know the legal problems it can cause until it's too late."

"If you're going to do it, get good legal advice," he said.

Wheeland said there was no way to estimate how many marriages of convenience take place, but during the recent Québec election campaign the Liberals acknowledged the problem as wide-spread.

He believes students should be considered independent of their parents if they are living away from home and are over 18.

Most students are considered dependents by the Québec government. Their parents' combined income determines how much aid they get. At present, only parents earning incomes below the poverty line are exempt from contributing to their children's higher educa-

tion.

'Dependent' students whose parents have a combined income of \$28,000 and over (with no assets) cannot ask for any financial aid — even if their parents refuse to give them a cent.

"If a student's parents refuse to give them money, their only recourse is to sue their parents for it," said Roger Côté, Director of Concordia's Financial Aid Office.

Côté said the biggest problem lies with students of farmers and fishers. A family's assets are also used by the government to determine how much it should pay towards its children's education. Farmers' incomes are generally very low, but their assets (tractor, trucks, grain elevator) are generally extremely high. Such a family would be expected to pay hand-

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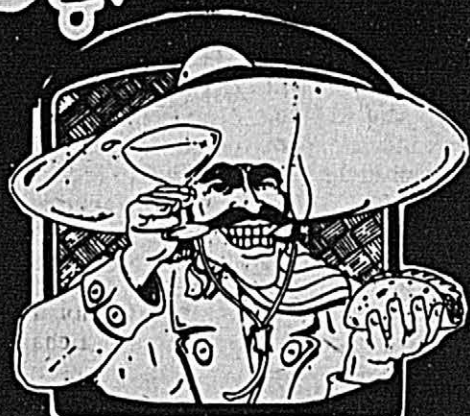
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# New student grievance procedures

by Joe Heath

Students now have the right to seek counsel outside of the university community, but can no longer launch informal grievances, according to revised

student grievance procedures which came into effect March 1.

According to Professor Wilkinson, Chair of the Senate Ad Hoc Committee to Revise Student Grievance Procedures, "The old code is very informal-ly written. It is certainly a trend

in universities and elsewhere to become more legalistic."

The new code states "each party has the right to be accompanied by an advisor who need not be a member of the university." According to Wilkinson, this provision for external counsel was "explicitly excluded in the old code."

Furthermore, Wilkinson said that "when you came to the grievance committee, it became an informal investigation... there was a required informal stage."

Professor Warshawsky, whose term as Chair of the Student Grievance Committee expired March 1, operated under the old regulations. He felt the old system created a conflict of interest situation. Once a grievance had been launched, it was the duty of the Chair to attempt to resolve differences. If unable to do so, then the grievance became formalized.

Said Warshawsky, "The Chair, on one hand, negotiated on an informal basis to the dissolve the grievance, if this failed, he became the judge and

had to arbitrate. He was not detached."

Wilkinson seconded this, saying "someone who initially was your advocate now becomes your judge. Many students and staff disliked this."

Now, said Warshawsky, "the informal part hopefully will take place in the Dean of Students office...the informal has been separated from the formal. Any grievance to the new committee has to be a formal grievance," he said.

He cited another important change as the establishment of an appeal committee. "Even if the grievance committee finds no grounds for appeal, the student has a right to a hearing," he said.

Wilkinson supported this change, saying "grievances could go on for years, and the final court of appeal was the full Senate. Many disagreed with that."

According to the revised procedures, "Any student has a right to lodge a grievance resulting from an act or a failure to act by a member of

the university occupying a position of authority vis-a-vis the student in a university-related matter."

The procedures also permit students to launch grievances if their rights under the Charter of Student Rights are infringed. However, the charter has been stalled for two years by the Board of Governors, so the clause is of little value.

The new grievance committee, in office since March 1, is still adjusting to its role. Professor Derome, one of the staff representatives to the committee, stated: "We haven't met yet. I just received a copy of the new procedures. I'm not familiar with them yet."

Professor Frankman was accepted as Chair of the committee by Senate, but declined the position. He was not aware of anyone having taken his post. According to Derome, "I'm currently not aware of the existence of a chairman."

Meanwhile, grievances should be directed towards the Student Ombudsman, or the Dean of Students.



## No acceptable opponents found

# Babb debate off

by Kristina Stockwood

Glenn Babb will definitely not be speaking at McGill this year. After suggesting McGill Professor Charles Taylor, The Political Science Students Association (PSSA) has given up its search for someone amenable to the Black Students' Network (BSN), to debate the South African ambassador.

Taylor was the last person on the PSSA's list of possible opponents to debate Babb. Though Taylor had agreed to the debate, the BSN did not find him suitable to represent the opposition.

Taylor accepted the invitation

because he is concerned that Babb has been allowed to speak unchallenged elsewhere in Canada.

Babb has recently spoken at the Mount Stephens Club and on CFCF-TV in Montréal, at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario and at the University of Toronto.

Faulting Canadians' general lack of understanding of Apartheid, Taylor said, "Babb is not totally delegitimized in the public eye, and the only way to do so is through debate."

"The case is so easily made against him that he would lose," Taylor said.

Taylor thinks it is important to debate against Babb and the government he represents. He felt it was imperative that "somebody, though not necessarily me, nails them on this."

The BSN rejected Taylor, according to Mark Warner, because "We don't think Taylor is qualified to debate, given his position on divestment." Warner was referring to Taylor's anti-divestment stance last November.

Warner believes that "the debate itself, despite all of Taylor's noble intentions, will be destructive. The African National Congress (ANC) is the legitimate representative of the South African people and since the ANC does not wish Babb to speak at all, let alone debate, it's highly paternalistic to go against their means," he said.

Warner reiterates the opinion that "Apartheid is not a debatable position because it is not a subject upon which civilized people can differ albeit in a rational manner."

While Taylor believes that a debate would help the anti-Apartheid movement, Warner maintains that it is a no-win situation. "If Babb were to come and we did not mount a defence, the anti-Apartheid movement would be considered to have been weakened," he said. However "If we were to do so, we could be considered to be using evil tactics," he added.

In Warner's opinion, "Babb wins Canadian public opinion simply by being invited to speak here."

# Silence and solidarity at McGill

by Phinjo Gombu-Sherpa

On Friday, March 14th, student activist groups on campus are holding an International Day of Solidarity with Issues of Silence.

The day will include a minute's silence at noon on the steps of the Arts building, followed by "a silent march around campus." Both actions are being done as a symbolic gesture of solidarity with people in parts of the world which we do not normally hear about, but which are increasingly subjected to human rights violations and 'outside interference'.

Nigel Crawhall, who is coordinating this day of solidarity, said "The idea was first born in a conference that some McGill students attended in Toronto last month called *Campus Ac-*

*tion Network for International Development.*

"Delegates felt that there was a need for joint action across campuses in bringing to the notice of students troubled areas in the world often ignored by media," he said.

"At a meeting called last week, various groups on campus discussed ideas about how this might best be achieved. After much discussion and differences, we voted in favor of a focused effort — choosing *Gautemala, East Timor, the Kurdish struggle and the Namibian struggle for independence.*"

Crawhall was quick to point out that the list, although potentially controversial for neglecting some regions of the world, needed to be of manageable scope. He added

that this was only the first of a series that would hopefully raise other issues of silence.

Crawhall said "Although all four areas are regions of crisis, they are part of a much larger international crisis of silence."

In particular, Crawhall mentioned Canadian complicity in supplying "direct military aid" to Indonesia, a country which has been actively involved in the brutal suppression of East Timor's quest for independence since 1975.

"This is an example of how Canada's reputation can be damaged internationally."

"You may say that what you don't know can't hurt you, but maybe it is hurting other people. Besides, there are those among us who are hurt by Canada's silent participation in a crime as big as this. The issue

of East Timor has been raised only once in Parliament," he added.

The plan of action will involve a week of pamphleteering and staffing of information desks across the university, until March 14th, when the 'silent march' across campus will take place.

Some of the groups that have endorsed the theme include, The Central America group, Project Ploughshares, the Newman Centre Social Justice Committee, Uhuru, Amnesty International (McGill) and the McGill South Africa committee.

For more information on how you can take part and make this Week of Solidarity a success, contact Nigel Crawhall or Alice Murningham at 392-8941.





## Baha'is welcome report

The Canadian Baha'i Community joined Baha'is around the world in welcoming the recent adoption by the UN General Assembly of a resolution about the human rights situation of Iran. The resolution made particular mention of the situation of the persecution of Iran's Baha'i religious minority.

"This action represents a clear signal of the depth and strength of international concern over the continuing persecution of the Baha'i religious minority in Iran," said Gerald Knight, the Baha'i International Community representative at the United Nations.

Nancy Ackerman, Director of Public Affairs for the Canadian Baha'i Community said "It will be a great comfort to our sister community in Iran to know that they have not been forgotten by the world outside, nor by the United Nations." She added, "We are deeply grateful to the United Nations, and particularly to Canada, which was one of 12 Member States which initiated and sponsored this resolution."

Canada has been in the forefront of international concern over the issue of Iran's Baha'is in the UN since its first statements made in unanimous Parliamentary resolutions as early as 1980 and 1981. This action has been followed by consistent attention to the plight of the Baha'is in the UN and by the cooperation of immigration authorities who have permitted Iranian Baha'i refugees to settle in Canada.

Canadian Representative, MP Leo Duguay, in delivering Canada's statement on the issue of Iran, emphasized "our common duty to take steps to ensure... that member states achieve and maintain the agreed international standards of human rights." He went on to say:

Canada continues to deplore the fact that it has not yet been possible for the Special Representative to visit Iran. As a result, allegations of the most grave violations of human rights, including killings and torture, are not receiving the investigation and response which the international community has requested. The information that is available indicated that in the particular case of the persecution of those of the Baha'i Faith, the policy of government is in large measure responsible for the abuses taking place. We appeal to the Government of Iran to put an end to religious persecution, to protect the rights and freedoms of all its citizens and accept the assistance of the Commission and its Special Representative.

This is the first time that a main Committee of the General Assembly as a whole has adopted a resolution about the human rights situation in Iran, or about the situation of the Baha'i religious minority there. It follows the adoption of resolutions about these issues by the UN commission on Human Rights in 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1985. The resolution adopted by the commission in 1985 put these issues on the General Assembly's agenda for the first time, and (also for the first time) commissioned a report on them for submission to the General Assembly as a basis for its discussions.

The resolution adopted by the third committee expresses deep concern over "specific and detailed allegations" of human rights violations in Iran contained in the report submitted to the General Assembly, including summary executions, torture and the oppression of religious minorities. It endorses the report's conclusion that the continued monitoring of the situation is called for and requests the Commission on Human Rights to consider further steps to secure effective respect for human rights in Iran. In order to ensure continued action, the resolution puts the overall situation, including and in particular the "situation of minority groups such as the Baha'is" on the General Assembly's agenda for its next session in 1986. The resolution thus ensures that both the General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights will remain formally committed to dealing with these subjects.

The resolution was sponsored by 12 countries and adopted by a vote of 53 to 22. 41 countries abstained from voting. The resolution was confirmed and adopted by the General Assembly on December 13, 1985.

## Happy birthday Albert

On the eve of Albert Einstein 107<sup>th</sup> birthday, McGill Student Pugwash and Lawyers for Social Responsibility will be holding a panel discussion on one of the ultimate applications of his most famous equations,  $E=mc^2$ . *Nuclear Energy: Blessing or curse* is the title of the talk to be held this Thursday, March 13 at 7:00 pm in the McConnell Engineering Building, room A9.

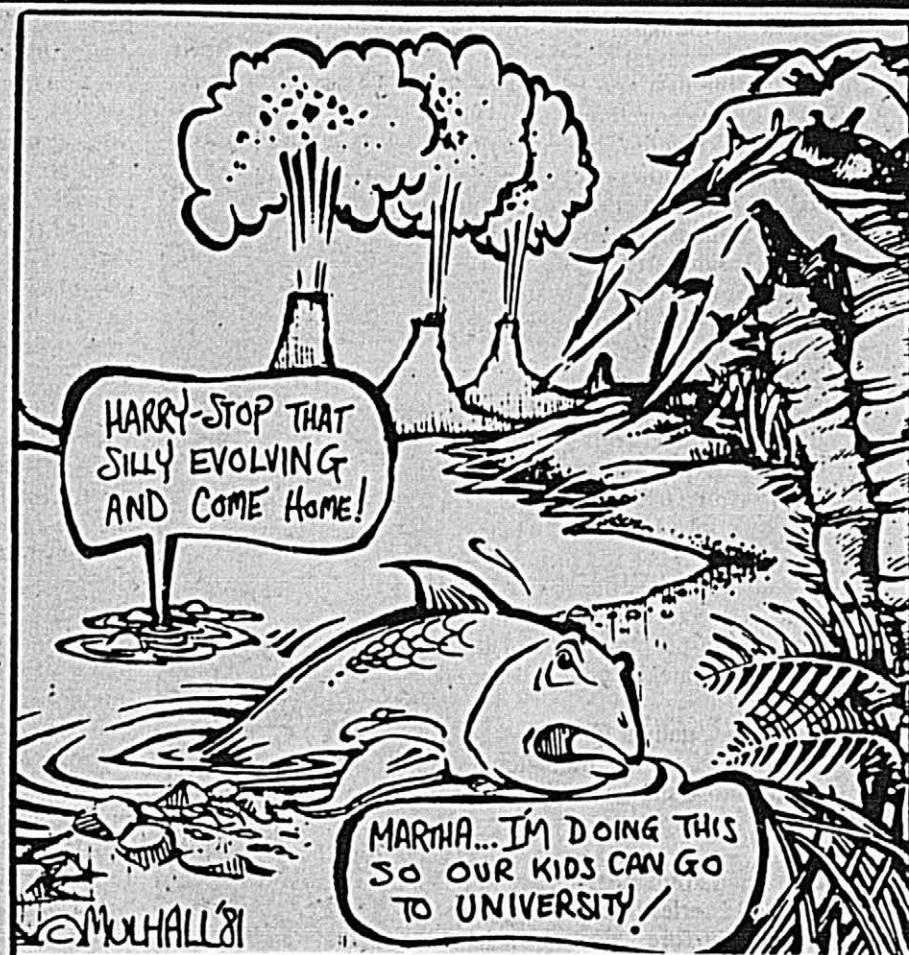
This event will be one of the rare occasions in which both sides have agreed merely to appear in the same room together. Since the beginning of the nuclear age, the debate over the continued use and development of nuclear energy has been a very heated one — so heated, in fact that the general public has effectively been denied a balanced discussion of this topic. Consequently, society has had a distorted view of the so-called "nukes" on the one side and "peaceniks" on the other.

Fortunately, the McGill community will have a chance to hear two important people in the scientific community discuss the advantages and disadvantages of harnessing the power of the mighty atom. Dr. David Woods, a Senior Advisor at Atomic Energy Canada Limited, will discuss the advantages, while Dr. Gordon Edwards, President of the Canadian Coalition for Nuclear Responsibility, will discuss the disadvantages. The format of the discussion will not be so much a debate as a presentation of viewpoints. This will enable the audience to make their own comparisons and draw their own conclusions. A question-and-answer period involving the audience will follow.

Also, this Wednesday, March 12 at 7:00 pm in McConnell Engineering room A9, McGill Student Pugwash will hold a lecture entitled *Genetic Screening in Pre-natal Diagnosis* with Dr. Abby Lippman from the Department of Epidemiology and the Centre for Human Genetics here at McGill. The discussion will centre on the ethical considerations of using such techniques as amniocentesis for the early detection of abnormalities.

McGill Student Pugwash is a non-partisan group that believes in providing students and faculty with an open forum for balanced discussion on the responsible use of science in society. Through lectures such as these ones, people can arrive at a better understanding of some of the most crucial issues of our times — disarmament and arms control, environmental management, future energy resources, medical ethics and other socio-scientific issues.

For further information, contact either Mike (844-9805), Michelle (286-9875) or Dan (277-4000).



**Earn more \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$! Engage yourself in the love sick exercise of a Loyola mock marriage. Demo at Loyola campus (FC Smith Auditorium, 7141 Sherbrooke W.) on Friday at 13h00.**

## Sigma Nu at McGill

On March 15 a new fraternity will be born at McGill University upping the total of fraternities on campus to 11. Sigma Nu, a Lexington based fraternity appeared on campus in February to initiate interest in a chapter. Since then the necessary amount of members to form a colony (a step below a chapter) have joined. March 15 marks the day that the new members are officially pledged and the colony is recognized by the grand chapter. Numerous alumni and friends will be in attendance to witness the ceremony to be held in Leacock.

The new colony is a group of very diverse individuals. Vice-president Todd Patkin, who transferred to McGill from Tufts University and was a Sigma Nu brother there notes that "everyone is so different that it is not hard for newcomers to fit in. The diversity in our group is striking and that is what I like the best about our fraternity." He adds that since the fraternity is in its formative stages, "everyone has a chance to greatly influence the direction and evolution of the chapter." He hopes that all people interested in the fraternity will feel welcome to come to one of the weekly meetings (Tuesday 19h30) and see what the Sigma Nu experience is all about.

Chairmen Neil Fleming and Rick Rothman are quite optimistic that the fraternity will build on the solid foundation of members that has been assembled. Flemings states "We realize that it is an awkward time of the year to be rushing, but the response has been quite good. We had a late start this year but we reached our goal to have enough members for colonization." further, "Many people who are interested in joining the fraternity have expressed the desire to do so next fall." Both Rothman and Fleming expect that membership will greatly increase next semester.

One of the fraternity's primary goals for the fall is to secure a house or large apartment as a base for the fraternity. Also, activities and parties are being planned for this semester and next fall.

Inter-fraternity council rep. Jeff Phillips is pleased with the welcome that Sigma Nu has received from other fraternities and the sororities on campus. "There doesn't seem to be a cut-throat competition between fraternities here. That is good because a person who is interested in joining a fraternity can get in touch with every fraternity and see which one is right for them."

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# The silencing of Kürdistan

by Nigel Crawhall

The towering basalt walls of Diyarbakir reveal a great deal about the past and present of Kürdistan. Once encircling the capitol of an affluent kingdom, the crumbling walls now cast shadows over slum dwellings of mud and corrugated iron. Outside the walls is pro-Soviet graffiti in Kürdishi. Inside, armed Turkish soldiers patrol the streets. Diyarbakir, like all of Turkish Kürdistan, is under martial law.

Kürdistan is not a legal entity. Colonial politics in Western Asia divided the nation between Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Syria. The majority of the territory is in Turkey, the rest stretches down into Iran, Iraq and Syria. The London-based *Minority Rights Group* estimates the Kürdishi population between seven and seventeen million people — one of the most numerous stateless peoples in the world.

Statehood is usually a long term goal for Kürdishi activists. The immediate concerns are those shared by all people under military occupation, namely survival.

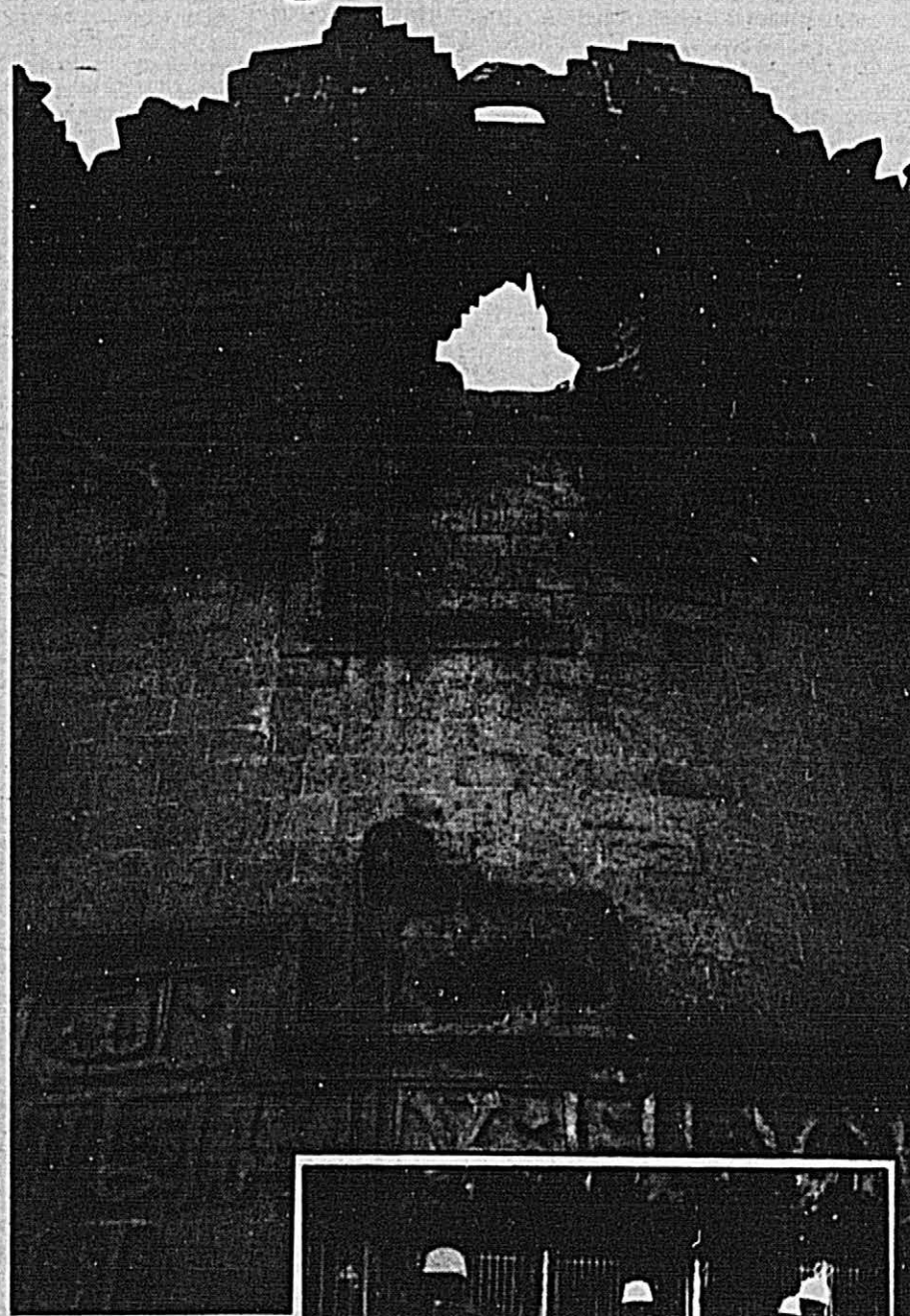
Iranian and Iraqi Kürds have suffered a series of assaults by government forces over the past two decades. Iranian funding of Iraqi Kürds is the newest development in the Iraq-Iran war. And the situation in Turkey is worse than in any of the other countries.

When Kemal Attatürk united Turkey after the collapse of the Ottoman empire, it was done at the expense of two groups: the Armenians and the Kürds. The attempted genocide of the Armenians is now widely recognized in the international community, though still denied by the Turkish government. What is not widely known is the Kürdishi claim that over half a million Kürds were exterminated in this bid to create a "racially pure" Turkish state.

In 1924 the use of the Kürdishi language was prohibited. Since then it has become a criminal offense to publish anything in Kürdishi, carry Kürdishi literature, teach Kürdishi, wear Kürdishi dress, or even mention the existence of Kürds in public. All Kürdishi organizations are banned and their members charred under Article 57 of the Turkish constitution, which forbids any activity judged to be harmful to the "national unity and the territorial integrity of the Turkish Republic." The existence of Kürds is denied outright; they are "mountain Turks."

The attempts at destroying Kürdishi culture are combined with a policy of keeping Kürdishi areas underdeveloped. Poor education seems to have had a reverse effect of entrenching oral Kürdishi. It is not difficult to find Kürds who are illiterate and unilingual. Poverty in western Turkey is visible to the enquiring eye, but is not immediately apparent. In the Kürdishi areas of the east, however, one is struck by obvious poverty — the sight of mud villages and brightly clad Kürdishi women collecting animal dung for fuel.

Throughout the '50s, '60s and '70s, Kürds attempted to organize themselves to resist Turkish cultural and economic domination. Increasing



*The broken walls of the Kürdishi city Diyarbakir bear witness to the brutal reign of Ankara's martial law.*



violence and the inability of a civilian government to cope with the enormous Turkish foreign debt led to a military coup in 1980.

Many Turkish Kürds fled south to Syria fearing a further crack-down on their existence. All of Turkish Kürdistan, known as eastern Anatolia,

was placed under a state of emergency that has yet to be lifted. The new military government has stepped-up its offensive against the Kürds.

In August 1984 Amnesty International reported a government claim that 7,500 people were in military prisons as political prisoners. The majority of these people were imprisoned in Kürdishi areas. The old capitol of Kürdistan, Diyarbakir, has five detention centres in its environs. Amnesty reports that the usage of torture is wide-spread in these military prisons. Amnesty testimonials refer to the use of electric shocks, burning with cigarettes, blows with fists, feet, and sandbags, as well as other inhuman assaults.

Despite all of the attempts of the government to stamp out the Kürds, resistance is increasing. Short articles in Canadian newspapers refer to the continued use of executions and imprisonments in reaction to a new campaign of nationalist bombings. Despite the laws, Kürdishi men still wear their baggy trousers, the shalwar, though few risk the kephir.

Kürdishi is spoken everywhere in the east and young tourists are relied upon for information from the outside world. Some of the young Kürds have become militant nationalists. Many look to the Soviet Union for inspiration.

Previously the Turkish security forces were up against strictly cultural associations. But newer organizations, such as the banned Rizgari (Liberation), stand for armed defense of Kürdishi rights. The popularity of an Islamic-communist resistance is unclear, but as one Kurd said, "We would like to become the new Bulgaria."

A member in-good-standing of NATO, western countries like Canada are reticent to challenge Turkey on "internal matters." But in the light of our military transfers to Turkey's present régime (including this week's sale of a fleet of Starfighter jets to Turkey), Canadians cannot pretend they are uninvolved.

With virtual media silence on Kürdistan, we might ask whether our alliances have lessened our concern for human rights.

from our tables, and join us for a silent minute of solidarity on the front steps of the Arts Building, Friday, March 14, at noon.

Nigel Crawhall  
SAC co-ordinator

Alice Murningham

Heather Cook

Ian Rutherford

Central America Group

Derek Cook

Uhuru no Ufahamu

Rachel Wernick

Amnesty International

Jamie Kneen

Michael Diner

Project Ploughshares

Monica Lambton

Leigh Bowie

Newman Social Justice

and all others who have given time and effort for this worthy cause.

What Canadians don't know, may be hurting others. This is the conclusion that activists from seven Canadian campuses came to, at a recent conference in Toronto. Canadian students involved in Peace and International Development have been concerned about the lack of visibility of certain issues that don't happen to be "in" at the moment. The rise and fall of interest concerning the African famine was an acute example of how short the collective attention span of students can be.

This issue of concern wasn't apathy — it was silence. Activists for peace and international development found that they couldn't maintain interest in issues that weren't currently in the media. The anti-Apartheid movement is popular today, but will it be so tomorrow? Our challenge was to break

the silence. We decided that each campus would choose a small number of silent issues and make them visible. The campaign will culminate with one minute of silence being observed on each campus at noon on Friday, March 14.

What do you know about East Timor, Guatemala, Kürdistan, and Namibia?

hyde park

## Issues of Silence

Does our government turn a blind eye to gross violations of human and civil rights in these regions? We fully understand that this event cannot represent all issues. We also acknowledge inequalities and abuses of power in our own country. But we urge you to pick up information pamphlets



## We'd also have no place to go to avoid studying

### To the Daily:

An issue has come to the forefront of McGill politics which threatens freedom of expression and the plurality of ideas which university institutions claim to protect. There has emerged a movement to impeach the staff of the McGill Daily. Beyond having no credible arguments to support their proposed silencing of the paper, this movement has resorted to a referendum to invoke emotional support for their cause, rather than appealing to good sense. Instead of proposing constructive and rational alternatives and solutions to the problem, they have opted to strike blindly at the issue, to the impoverishment of the student body. There are several serious problems with the proposed impeachment:

1.) The Canadian Charter of Rights, Article 2, protects all citizens' rights to freedom of speech and of freedom of expression:

"Fundamental Freedoms"

2. Everyone has the following fundamental freedoms:

(a) freedom of conscience and religion;  
(b) freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication;

(c) freedom of peaceful assembly; and  
(d) freedom of association."

It is clear that this impeachment is a violation of this article.

2.) The staff of the McGill Daily work on a voluntary basis and are entitled to creative liberties and freedom from censorship. At the same time, the staff must recognize their responsibility to their readers and the university as a whole; impeachment will not encourage them nor any succeeding staff to practice mature journalism. The threat of impeachment is a pressure tactic that is little better than terrorism.

3.) The group advocating impeachment are little better than power seeking vultures who have no sense of moderation and who are exploiting the issue for their own political purposes.

4.) No group has the right to stamp the staff of the McGill Daily with a label of radical incompetence. The truth of the political bias of the staff is irrelevant to the issue. Impeachment could seriously harm the future of each individual connected with the newspaper. A less radical method of reform must occur simply for the sake of sparing these students from any future career stigma. In addition, the impeachment movement has not come up with an adequate and competent replacement staff in the event of a YES

vote. Promises are ONLY words.

5.) BE SURE TO THINK THROUGH THE ISSUE AND THE IMPLICATIONS BEFORE YOU VOTE. AN EMOTIONAL 'YES' COULD CREATE A SERIOUS PRECEDENT FOR THE POLITICAL MANIPULATION OF OUR SCHOOL NEWSPAPERS.

Roger Vokey  
Harold Green

## Kaspar Can Play

### To the Daily:

Dave Kaspar should not be an ineligible hockey player. The QUAA regulations regarding eligibility (i.e. two years CEGEP) is the requirement for admission of a Quebec high school student to a Quebec university. Ontario universities require only one year of CEGEP. Apparently Dave Kaspar completed one year of CEGEP and thus fulfilled admission requirements to the University of Ottawa. Spending one extra year of CEGEP would have been a waste of an academic year for Dave Kaspar. The QUAA rule should be changed to stipulate that students fulfill admission requirements and be in good academic standing to play on a university hockey team.

Mladen Palaic  
Not a McGill student

## Referendum

### To the Daily:

On Friday, March 7th, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Daily Publications Society was held, at which time a motion was introduced to overturn the decision of the Judicial Committee to allow a referendum question to be run asking for the dismissal of the entire Daily staff. This motion needed unanimous approval. I voted against it.

My feeling at the time was that if we, the seven members of the Board of Directors, decided students were either not informed or responsible enough to make such a decision themselves, that we would be discrediting the very principle on which student initiated referenda rests, namely that students not only have the right but also the capacity to make responsible decisions on issues of concern to them.

The difficulty with this situation is that the question is not as simple as it may at first appear. The Daily, as an institution, is not coextensive with the people who write for it. Should this referendum question pass and publication of the paper stop, even for a short while, the corporation could lose as much as twenty five thousand dollars in advertising revenue. There are full-time staff at the Daily who must be paid and the

possibility exists that we may be forced to sell equipment to do it.

Several methods have been tried to reform The Daily, several others are being tried (the staff itself is in the process of trying to impeach several members of its editorial board) and several have yet to be tried. This one, it seems, to me, is neither effective since the current staff cannot be barred from rejoining, nor is it appropriate.

The students of this university, the shareholders in this corporation, are being given the opportunity to decide this for themselves; is this an appropriate way to voice displeasure with a staff of journalists, to threaten the future of the paper for which they work?

The other members of the Board of Directors acted in what they felt were the best interests of the corporation by endorsing the motion, I voted against it hoping to give the students the opportunity to do the same. Those of you who intend to vote, please take the time to make a reasonable choice.

David M. Gibson  
Member DPS Board of Directors  
President, ASUS

To "A Group of Concerned Mc Connellites":  
The Daily cannot print your letter.  
If you submit your names we will print it.

# ...shotgun wedding

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somely into their children's education, even though they probably have no actual cash, said Côté.

"People are selling their homes, cars and taking on mortgages to put their kids through school," Wheeland said.

The Québec Liberals have only promised to raise the combined income level from below the poverty line to right on the poverty line for access to full loans and bursaries.

"It would cost the Québec government alone hundreds of millions of dollars if the system changed," said Côté.

The wedding ceremony will be presided over by a former cleric. One lucky couple will win "the love lottery" of a bursary equivalent to one year's full-time tuition (\$450).

Same sex couples are encouraged to marry, said Wheeland. Also, an "instant divorce" booth will be on site at the ceremony.

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## 352 — HELP WANTED

Brothers wanted for psychophysiology experiment. Earn \$20.00 each in 3 hours. Call Sally 6-7 p.m. 844-8066.

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## 367 — CARS FOR SALE

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## 372 — LOST &amp; FOUND

Lost: a pair of gold-colored glasses in the men's room of the McConnell Engineering Building (main floor). They were lost about six weeks ago. If found, please phone 392-3087 and leave a message.

Have you seen it? I ain't seen it! Halley's is all a hoax!

Lost: Binder type address book black about 2 weeks ago around Bronfman reward phone Claude 738-6689.

Lost: a pair of black Isotoner gloves, probably near Redpath or Stew. Bldg. If found, please call Anna: 326-4247. Reward!

Lost: a gold plated watch, men's with brown leather strap at the Student Union Friday night, March 7. Reward. Phone 871-2080.

## 374 — PERSONAL

Himalayas—Trekking in Nepal. 3 wks.; April Kashmir & Ladakh, 3 wks, Call Mark 731-6434.

Want to talk? Call Nightline at 392-8234. Mon-Fri, 9 pm to 3 am, Sat-Sun, 6 pm to 3 am.

WAMM Meeting Friday, March 21, 9:00 p.m. (Weebles Against Massive Meteorites).

Kelliah my love, think where we were a year ago, dream of a year from now. And a tear from then...Fr.

Hey, Pat and Henri! Where's the program? I'm having a paranoia attack, thinking something unsightly must have occurred. Oh no, not big spots on the Stikeman ad! Not a typo?! Come by soon. Rachel.

Hey you, put down that knife and have a beer. Pub Nite Psi-Upsilon, Thursdays. 510 Pine. Happy hour, 11:30-12:30, 2 for 1.

draft.

Eileen: we couldn't find the teakettle culprit but couldn't stand the idea of you losing sleep over someone not coming forward, so we collectively confess: we bought the new teakettle. Love, the Daily Staff.

Leif Montin and Mark Lepage: How's it hangin' guys? We think we could still make it a bit shorter with an exacto-knife—Anna Asimakopulos, Brendan Weston, Yvonne Bayer, Collin Tomlins (he prefers sandpaper).

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## 392 — PARKING SPACES

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## events

Issues of Silence — Professor R. Premdas speaking on *Repression in Irian Jaya* (Papua-New Guinea — Indonesia). 15h, Union 107-108  
Women's Union — General meeting and discussion on socialization. 18h30, Union 423.

Black Students' Network — Juanita Westmoreland Truore speaking on *Blacks in the Montréal Community*. 17h, Union 425-426.

Concordia Central America Committee — Film: *Nicaragua — The Second Revolution*. Nicaraguan women discuss the problems they face after the revolution. 13h15, Rm. 427, Hall Bldg. (1455 de Maisonneuve). Info: 848-7410.

Pugwash — Genetic Screening in Prenatal Diagnosis with Dr. A. Lippman. 19h, Rm. A9, McConnell Engineering Bldg.  
Film Society — *Triumph of the Will* 20h, Union 107. Free (snacks sold). Info: 392-8834.

Human Rights Lecture Series — Dr. Rosalie Bertell on *The Price We Pay for Deterrence: Low-level Radiation and Species-Death Syndrome*. 20h30, D.B. Clarke Theatre, Hall Bldg. (1455 de Maisonneuve).

Outing Club — General meeting, 19h30, Stewart Biology Bldg. Rm S1/3.

Alpine Ski Team General Meeting, 18h30, COTC lounge in Currie Gym.

AIESEC — Computer fair. Speech on artificial intelligence at 13h. 10h-16h, Union Ballroom. Info: 392-8903.

## STUDENTS' SOCIETY ELECTIONS TO BE HELD MARCH 10th, 11th, 12th 1986

### POLL LOCATIONS

#### TUESDAY MARCH 11th

Bronfman Bldg.  
Burnside Bldg  
Bishop Mountain Hall (4 pm-7 pm)  
Thomson House (4 pm-7 pm)  
Royal Victoria College (11 am-2:30 pm)  
Dental Clinic-MGH (11 am-2:30 pm)  
Education Bldg  
Leacock Bldg  
Union Bldg  
Wilson Hall  
McConnell Engineering Bldg  
Strathcona A&D Bldg.

#### WEDNESDAY MARCH 12th

Chancellor Day Hall  
Leacock Bldg  
McConnell Engineering Bldg  
McIntyre Medical Bldg  
Redpath Library  
Stewart Biology Bldg.  
Strathcona Music Bldg  
Union Bldg  
Birks Bldg  
Arts Bldg  
Bronfman Bldg  
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Correction: The ad in the Tuesday, March 4 Tribune accidentally switched the pen sketches of Earl Bloom and Grace-Ann Baker. Apologies to all concerned.

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Macdonald College  
Union 10-4  
McConnell 10-4  
Bronfman 10-4  
Stewart Biology 10-4  
Arts Building 10-4  
Burnside Hall 10-4  
Strathcona Music 10-4  
Birks Building 10-4  
Leacock 10-4  
McIntyre 10-4  
Redpath Library 10-4  
Chancellor Day Hall 10-4

#### MARCH 13

Thomson House 5-7  
Macdonald College  
Library School 12-1  
McConnell 12-2  
Bronfman 12-2  
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